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PATENT APPLICATION

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**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**

In re the Application of

Masaki KYOJIMA et al.

Application No.: 09/678,031

Group Art Unit: 3621

Filed: October 3, 2000

Examiner: D. Le

For: LICENSE-ISSUING SYSTEM AND METHOD

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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

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 Small entity status of this application has been established.

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*In reply to the December 18, 2002, Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:*

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

*Please replace claims 1, 2, 9, 10, 16, 17, 20-25, 27 and 29 as follows:*

*1. (Amended) A license-issuing method for issuing an electronic license for certifying that usage of digital contents is permitted to a specific user, the digital contents being provided by at least one of a provider and a seller, the method comprising:*

*generating information for verification from a license-issuing center, the license-issuing center being independent from the at least one of the provider and the seller, the information for verification required to verify legitimacy of an electronic license;*

*inputting information to specify the information for verification;*

*generating the electronic license from the license-issuing center, the electronic license able to be verified by the information for verification specified by the input information to specify the information for verification; and*